



# The Avalanche

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## WOLF PURSUDES 3,000 ACTORS.

**THEATRICAL ARMY** Faces Winter with No Work Because Plays Fail.

It is estimated that there are nearly 3,000 actors without work this season, a much larger number, according to the managers, than were left idle during the period of depression following the financial panic of 1893. Managers for the last few weeks have been chary of launching new productions, it is said. Their loss of confidence is no more due to financial conditions than to the growing distrust of established playwrights. Daniel Frohman said that he considered the outlook extremely serious, the lack of satisfactory plays, the sterility of playwrights, and the construction of too many theatrical bairns brought about a dangerous condition of affairs in the theatrical world. The record for failures was established in September and October, and 80 per cent of the new serious plays were parthian fiascos, he said. The authors of these plays comprise the most successful writers of their class. As the actors have suffered, so have the electricians, stage carpenters, scene-shifters, wardrobe women, business managers, advance agents, press agents and other persons connected with the theatrical world.

## WOMAN HELD IN BIG THEFT.

**Mrs. McCracken and Her Three Children Accused in \$12,000 Case.**

Mrs. Ruth McCracken, who lived in a fashionable residence on Connecticut Avenue in Washington, and who it is alleged secured goods from Washington merchants amounting to \$12,000 by false pretenses and then disappeared, was arrested in Baltimore together with her two daughters and a son. A warrant had been issued for the arrest of Mrs. McCracken and her three children, charging grand larceny. The Washington police had been searching for the family for several days. Mrs. McCracken claimed to belong to one of the best families of Scotland, and gave her home address as Berwick-on-the-Tweed.

## SCHOOL DAMAGED BY BOMBS.

**Attempt to Wreck Institution Attributed to Insane Man.**

Three dynamite bombs were placed in the Charles W. Henry public school, under construction in Germantown, a Philadelphia suburb, and exploded by means of long fuses. Great holes were torn in the corridor walls of the building. The outer walls also were damaged. One of the bombs was placed near the stairway at the front entrance, a second was placed in an electric switch box in the first floor corridor, and a third was laid on a window sill. The only theory the contractor and the police have for the placing of the bombs is that the attempt to wreck the building was made by either an insane man or a vandal.

## Bonds to Bring Out Cash.

The government announced an issue of \$50,000,000 in Panama Canal bonds and of certificates of indebtedness to a total of \$100,000,000, if needed, to end the money stringency. An especial attempt will be made to secure the aid of small investors. President Roosevelt appeals to the people to do their share in clearing up the situation.

## Nebraska State Mansion Sold.

The executive mansion in Lincoln, Neb., has been sold for the delinquent taxes of \$180 and Gov. George E. Shedd was notified that unless the taxes and costs were paid a tax deed would be issued according to law. The taxes amount to \$32,64, and the interest and costs to \$83,14.

## Bid Coke Plant Acquired.

The United States Steel Corporation, through the H. C. Frick Coke Company, has acquired a one-half interest, held by George L. Whitney, in the Haddesse-Cannelsville-Coke Company. This is said to be the largest single transaction in coke properties for years.

## Louisville Strike Is On.

Union men employed by the Louisville Street Railway Company went on strike for an increase in wages and the reinstatement of several discharged men. Few cars were run, and these were loaded with police. The strike has also suspended interurban service.

## Hill Girl Who Refused Him.

Angered because of her refusal to marry him, A. Wehke, 21, shot and killed Emma Kerner, 17, in Philadelphia, while she was on her way to work. He was rejected by the girl and he brooded over the matter until he decided to waylay her.

## Shipbuilding Plant Shut Down.

As a result of the financial stringency, the Lorain, Ohio, yards of the American Shipbuilding Co. are practically closed. About 600 men have already been laid off at the Bay City yards.

## Two Russian Gunboats Burned.

A fleet of unknown origin at the Baltic shipbuilding yards in Russia destroyed two gunboats and damaged several other vessels.

## Oklahoma Is Admitted.

Governor Haskell made a sharp attack on President Roosevelt in his inaugural address during the ceremonies marking the admission of Oklahoma.

## Snaf Up Stock Bargains.

Thousands of small investors in New York are bringing out their hoarded cash and snapping up bargains which the low prices for stocks make possible.

## Monroe D. Conway Dies.

Dr. Monroe D. Conway, the well-known American author and preacher, was found dead in bed in Paris of internal hemorrhage. The body was cremated at Pere Lachaise Cemetery in pursuance of wishes of relatives. Dr. Conway's death was entirely unexpected.

## Law Breaking by Banks.

Attorney General Jackson of New York declares he has discovered evidence of law breaking in the management of two Brooklyn banks, which recently were forced to close.

## Death Stuns Plea of Guilt.

When about to depart for Sioux Falls, where he was to have entered a plea of guilty to the charge of illegal fencing of land, George B. McPherson, a stockman of Marshall, S. D., died of the infirmities of age.

## Woman Dies in Bedlam Held.

Mrs. Bessie Carter, 28 years old, was found murdered in the basement of her residence in the French quarter of New Orleans, and four men rooming in the same house are held by the police. Examination indicated that burglar had

## TWO IMPORTANT BILLS.

**SENATOR BEVERIDGE** to Introduce One and McCumber the Other.

As soon as Congress convenes it is understood that Senator Beveridge will introduce the first bill to carry into effect one of the recommendations President Roosevelt has made several times in his speeches and which he probably will repeat in his message—a measure for the taxing of inheritances.

Details of the Indiana Senator's bill have not been made public and may not be given out before the eve of the session. It is recognized that such a measure as this, which is bound to provoke criticism and constitutional argument, and probably constitutional quibbling, must be drawn with every precaution possible.

Senator P. J. McCumber of North Dakota, who has been in Washington for some time, and who has been in frequent consultation with Mr. Roosevelt, already has drawn a bill to carry on a second of the President's recommendations—a bill to provide for the incorporation, control and government of associations organized to carry on businesses, enter into or become a part of interstate commerce.

This McCumber measure provides that an association for carrying on any interstate commerce business may be formed of any number of persons not fewer than three, and that such persons shall state in the articles of association the business it is intended to conduct, and shall submit the association's name to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor for its approval. The principal place of business is to be given; the time it is intended to continue in business must be stated, and the directors' names and residences must be set forth, with the amount of capital stock of the association and the names into which it is to be divided.

Once a year the business body licensed by the government to carry on interstate operations shall present a full statement showing its gross and net earnings, all improvements or additions that have been made, the cost thereof, the value of its assets, how the moneys received by it have been expended and such other information concerning the conduct of its business as may be required." Provision is made for the amendment of a license, or, as it is called in the bill, "certificate," when the requirements of the law have not been met. The dissolution of a corporation, however, shall not abate any action which may have been taken against it. This McCumber bill is the first of its kind of which the public has knowledge.

**A Court of Rehabilitation.** Roland D. Molineux, the well-known New Yorker who was acquitted of the charge of murder in the first degree after having occupied the death house at Sing Sing, has written for Charlies and the Commons an article advocating a new kind of court, to be known as the court of rehabilitation. Mr. Molineux asserts that no human being, whatsoever his crime, should be sentenced to a definite term in prison. He points out that we spend \$1,000,000,000 a year in a fruitless and farcical contest with crime, or twice as much as we spend on our works of religion, charity and education. He contends that this is due solely to the fact that we sentence criminals to a definite punishment. Such imprisonment, he argues, is worse than useless and itself a crime, for the criminal in almost every case is released a more dangerous menace than before his incarceration. It is admitted that the criminal law aims to benefit society. Mr. Molineux declares that it fails in this. He adds that it should aim to benefit the criminal, and in this it could succeed.

His first proposition, then, is this: That a criminal court should determine but nothing the guilt or innocence of the defendant, and that if guilty, whether of murder or disorderly conduct, the one and unvarying sentence should be banishment from society. He should be compelled to remain apart from his fellow men forever, or until restored to citizenship by a court of rehabilitation. He argues that since it required a judge and jury to deprive a man of liberty, only by a judge and jury should he be restored.

## Financial Confidence Restored.

Developments in the financial situation throughout the country continued favorable, and the bankers in many of the largest cities followed the example of New York in issuing loan certificates, while savings banks enforced the notice rule requiring time for withdrawals. President Roosevelt, in a letter to Secretary Corryelton, congratulated the latter on the way he had handled the crisis, and declared that the panic was caused by dishonest dealing. The President said that no one could question the underlying soundness of the business structure. Andrew Carnegie, returning from Europe, said it was only a device to serve intrigue to attribute the trouble to the Roosevelt policy. Action was taken at New York to admit the trust companies into the clearing house.

## Gem Colors Under Radium.

Cables dispatched from Paris say that Prof. Bordas, an expert lapidary, has succeeded in changing the colors of gems by the application of radium rays. For instance, it is said that blue corundum or sapphire are changed into emerald green, thus increasing the value of the gem.

## All Around the Globe.

Of persons stricken with insanity about one-third recover.

The fan exports of China amount to \$11,000,000 a year.

The Emperor of Japan has thirty physicians and sixty priests.

Helen Tuck Roswell has been selected to start a string of women's clubs on the Isthmus of Panama.

Cape Colony is developing into a wine country. It has 20,000 acres of vineyards and 60,000,000 vines.

Abolition of the canteen at soldiers' homes is said to be a great mistake by J. M. Hall, Wisconsin member of national board of managers.

In Belgian girls are expected to give five weeks out of each school year to learning housework. The girl is required to know not only how to cook a dinner, but to clean up and care for a kitchen, to clean wash and iron.

The ancient city of Lyons, the third city in France, with a population of 500,000, vies with Milan in importance in the world's silk industry. No fewer than 40,000 people—men, women and children—are employed in the factories.

## MEN CONNECTED WITH THE WALSH TRIAL IN CHICAGO.



## \$150,000,000 CURE FOR MONEY ILLS.

**PRESIDENT APPROVES** Sale of Canal Bonds and Government Notes to Swell Currency.

## CALL FOR BIDS IS ISSUED.

**SMALL DENOMINATIONS** Adopted So General Public Can Buy; Financiers Eager for Entire Lot.

President Roosevelt has taken bold measures to end the financial stringency which the country is suffering.

He has directed Secretary of the Treasury Corryelton to issue \$50,000,000 worth of Panama canal bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 2 per cent per annum and \$100,000,000 of 3 per cent interest bearing government notes.

Of this immense sum \$50,000,000 is to be deposited in the south and west to facilitate the moving of the crops.

So far as the resources and the demand for the products of the country are concerned, there has never been the slightest doubt that they are as great, if not greater, than they ever have been. But there has not been sufficient currency to meet the situation.

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Mr. Corryelton had just returned from New York, where he had received appeals from bankers in that city. Friday night another conference occurred.

Chicago Millionaire Charged with Defalcation of a Large Sum.

John R. Walsh, the Chicago railroad magnate and millionaire, intimate friend of Senators, Congressmen and kings of finance, faced the federal court Tuesday to answer charges of defalcation of \$15,000,000. Because of former associations with the banker, Judge Landis of Standard Oil fame, refused to hear the case, and Judge Anderson of Indianapolis presided in his stead. Walsh has an array of counsel whose fees are said to aggregate \$250,000. John S. Miller, the \$100,000 Standard Oil lawyer; Attorney Hynes and other legal stars are among them.

Among the witnesses ordered to appear for the government are the directors and officers of the default Chicago National Bank, Home Savings and Equitable Trust Company; three institutions wrecked by Walsh methods; National Cash Examiner Moxey; Ezra Meeker, the federal attorney's former stenographer, who was arrested for the theft of papers from his office, and the "slimy" signers of notes, Miss McLean was released later.

Walsh is under two indictments of more than 150 counts for the alleged looting of the banks. The funds were taken in 1905. It is charged, for building his railroads in southern Indiana, Walsh began business life as a newsboy. Walsh was considered the financial king of Chicago, and superintendents, is \$12,000.

Judge Schneider wants to adopt the standard clearing-house certificates of the larger denominations for the amount of small checks it applies for. The checks of small denominations, which are guaranteed by the clearing house, will then be drawn, based on one of the banks designated, in payment of the clearing house certificates it must present to the manager of that organization.

It is decided, to issue checks below the average of men teachers is \$11.61 below the average for the nation, and \$21.27 below the average for New England. For women teachers the average monthly salary is \$12.91 lower than that for the entire country, and \$1.90 below the New England average. The majority of women teachers in the State work for six to nine dollars a week. About one-eighth are paid more than ten dollars. Over

2,000 elementary and high school teachers board at home, and this explains why it is possible for many teachers to sustain themselves on their small salaries. Maine has good teachers, and 1,576 of them have taken partial or complete normal training courses. The committee finds that 6,520 women working in the Maine cotton mills get an average weekly wage of \$2.50, while the average pay of women school teachers is \$4.00 a week.

The average weekly pay of men in the cotton mills is \$8.01 according to this report, and the men teachers receive \$17.50. The committee says that the only occupation in Maine for which figures are available is that included in the woolen industry, where the annual wages range from \$3.27 to \$7.00. The average pay of school teachers, including principals and superintendents, is \$12,000.

Japan is to have a unique revenge for any real or fancied slights it may have received at the hands of American school authorities—if President Otto C. Schneider of the Chicago school board has his way. President Schneider wants to adopt the Japanese imperial rescript on education as the standard of ethical and moral teaching in the public schools.

The rescript, which is a sort of educational creed, was issued some thirty years ago by the Emperor of Japan and has been used since that time as a formula for ethical teaching in the Japanese schools. In part it reads: "Be filial to your parents; affectionate to your brothers and sisters; as husbands and wives be harmonious, as friends true; bear yourselves in modesty and moderation; extend your benevolence to all; pursue learning and cultivate arts, and thereby develop intellectual faculties and perfect moral power; furthermore advance public good and promote common interests; always respect the constitution and preserve the laws; should emergency arise, offer yourselves courageously to the State and thus guard and maintain the prosperity of our imperial throne, coeval with heaven and earth."

In an address before the National Educational Association at Los Angeles recently, President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California criticised the prevailing custom of prescribing a college education for all mental ills and condemning when the potion failed to cure. He said the public school must be made and kept the school for all, without recognition of classes or conditions, and that it must shape its work and plan so as to close no door, but rather open the freest opportunity for the best achievement and the highest advance.

He thought, however, that the present rigid system of promotion which divides all who believe that truth has not been stagnating for centuries in theological seminaries, but has been steadily streaming on with ever-increasing force and volume in the channels which liberty has opened to its progress. He characterized the document as "a clear and final demonstration of the futility of pouring new wine into old bottles; of the attempt to gather the experiences of the twentieth century, under the categories of the thirteenth; of coming to terms with an age that is dead and buried in a word of coqueting with the impossible."

Supt. Maxwell of New York has urged principals to give the group system of teaching and grading a trial. The general principle is to so arrange the progress of pupils that each may have individual attention. Classes are separated into divisions and definite times are fixed for study. This allows bright pupils to do more advanced work by going from one division to another as fast as they are able.

**HOTEL RENTS ROSE.** Already the plan of the fashionable Belvoir-Stratford hotel, at Philadelphia, to establish an outdoor camp on its lofty roof has proved a success. Several wealthy travelers have taken up quarters in this curious combination of city and country conditions. The camp consists of thirty-two tents.

**PIRELL'S SPEECH IN PITTSBURGH.** Within the period of five minutes Pittsburg was plunged into semi-darkness from bright morning sunlight shortly after 8 o'clock Wednesday, due to the over-spreading of a heavy cloud laden with particles of dust.

**MONUMENT TO DANIEL B. MURPHY.** Steady improvement appears in financial conditions, further gold imports, increasing note circulation and larger use of checks in place of specie making it easier to view the exchange with confidence. The pressure for currency is gradually finding relief, and with the liquidation and readjustments in process a return to normal conditions is closer at hand. Pay roll needs are now more easily provided for, and the new medium of exchange conserves money at the banks and is readily accepted in ordinary transactions.

Savings bank depositors have virtually ceased going with withdrawal notices, and there is more activity in New York and elsewhere, making buying of products for export and import extension, the record of fall sales makes a better exhibit than for both last week and a year ago.

Distributive trade is favored by seasonal weather, and advises as to both local and interior activity in the news.

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### TRUE THANKSGIVING.

By Rev. H. F. Cone.  
The Lord is good to all and His tender mercies are over all His works—Ps. 145, ix.

It takes more than a holiday to make people happy, more even than plenty of prosperity. The fields may yield bountifully, the barns be filled to overflowing, the ledgers show large profits, and all business bear the marks of stability and increase, and yet, even at the tables laden with bounties, grim poverty may sit, a grinning, unblushing guest, if gratitude be not there.

With gratitude a crust furnishes a feast, while without it plenty is but penury. A man's wealth depends not on what he has in his home, but on what he appreciates, on the things that give him happiness. The thankful heart alone enters into complete possession. Gratitude is the art of appreciation. Days of thanksgiving convert our prosperity from a mere catalogue of goods received to the consciousness of infinite blessings possessed.

Does a man think to himself, my own energy and genius have enriched me; why should I render thanks to any? He is as a child who should think he gains his education unaided. None of us can live to himself. No amount of energy could create a single grain of wheat.

Neither given the seed could any man wholly unfilled get a living from the soil. We are all dependents and always debtors to untold multitudes of our fellows. It is a short sighted review that forgets them in the day of promise.

So also all life is a matter of partnership with the Infinite. To raise even a man must enter into co-operation with the forces that work in the fields. He becomes a partner with God, yielding to the laws of the universe, he enlists the aid of the unseen and unpredictable power that brings forth the swelling bud and the upspringing blade, that paints the bloom on the peach and waves the silk on the rustling corn.

A little thought turns our self-gratulation to thanksgiving. We see a power other than our own, a hand mightier and wiser working through all the seasons, with us and for us. By the good received we believe it is not the hand of blind fate; it is moved by a kindly heart; his tender mercies are over all; His works. Thanksgiving is the opportunity to lead a little more clearly in nature's infinite book of secrecy—the wonderful story of the eternal goodness and beauty.

To some is given the harder task of rejoicing in affliction, the privilege of learning His sweetest song in what is to many an unknown tongue, the rich language of sorrow. The song may come mingled with sobs, and yet how strong in deepened sympathy. Life may have lost some of its possessions, but it has become richer in itself, wiser for the clouds as well as for the clearest blue in the end—it appears that our fairest joys spring from our deepest disappointments.

There is always something to be happy over; life depends on its attitude. Gratitude takes the place of gloom when you look for goodness and mercy. Life is full of sorrow to those who look on all things with suspicion; it is a sour affair to him who goes around smiling at it. The thankful heart has a way of looking at a single tiny patch of blue in all the firmament of blackness until the blue and clear has spread all.

Gratitude for benefits received will lead to benefits shared. He who has most may owe much to him who has least. The grateful cannot be greedy. Our common interdependence means mutual obligation. The tender mercies of all our Father's works may well teach us to set kindness, mercy, helpfulness over all our works. No man finds a full thanksgiving until he executes thankfulness in all his works.

The best thanksgiving is that which lasts longest and frequently says least; it abides in the heart that shows its appreciation of the good things of life by passing them on. He gets most out of life who finds in it most things to make him glad that he lives, most chance to share his joy and to cause happy laughter to echo about him, who helps men to rejoice in the goodness and gladness of the infinite love for us all.

**THE PURITAN SPIRIT.**

By Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D.  
Text.—"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare the mighty acts."—Psalm cxlv, 4.

The Puritan spirit survived the early colonial times, always seeking not to offend life or to ornament society, but to assert personal freedom under God, and to inculcate for righteousness, leading the march toward better ages. It sought always to lay foundations to build great walls, and this was rarely to leave at others to two and color them and set the pictured glass in the windows.

This spirit is by no means dead in the land, though secular success may seem at times to have forgotten or dissolved it; though a faint culture may have made men insensible, if not positively averse, to its austere dignity and power; though it may at first seem deluged and buried under a rush of foreign immigration, from lands whose manners and social life it does not train; it will surely reappear, if too daring attempts are made of the ancient order and faith of the few English churches, or of that system of public schools which is to be a great inheritance, or if socialist anarchistic theories try to minister to passion, to subvert public order, to conquer, dominate, and despoil the continent. In it is really, as I believe, our defense of the future. Without it our civilization will rot.

We want the same temper amid the changed world in which the personal

lot has been cast, which has been to those who have stood, in all their ages, against corruption in the church or the state, with hearts that no more blanched than does the rock before the rush of the storm; the same temper which was in our fathers, 270 years ago, when they left whatever was beautiful at home in obedience to conscience, and faced without flinching the sea and the savage; when they sought not high things for themselves, and were joyfully ready to be stepping stones for others, if they might advance the kingdom of God; but when they gave to this New England a life which has moulded rugged strength from that day to this, has made it a monument surpassing all others, and has made it a summary of character and of power for all the land; a life, please God, which shall never be extinct among the stronger sons of men, till the earth itself shall have vanished like a dream!

**NOT YOUR OWN.**

By Rev. C. Sylvester Horne, A. M.  
Text.—"Ye are not your own."—I. Corinithians vi, 18.

I think there may be some who have received from the great Master on trust certain talents which they have been hiding in the earth, some who have let the seductions of home and comfort and ease prevent them using what they have received. They are letting their lives rust, and when Christ asks for those lives back again, they will be handed back soiled and tarnished with the filth and dirt and squalor of earth. Oh, friends, if you are abusing another's property, for you are not your own, you are bought with a price, even the precious blood of Christ.

Tonight tomorrow, through the week, through the year, you will pray the prayer of that Jesus, and you will say, "Thine is the kingdom." But mean what you say! Throne Him as King indeed, Oley His elect, no one else's. Bow to His sceptre, and to no one else's, yours all. "Behold, all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours," but, "Ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."

**RIO JANEIRO'S FINE WOMEN.**

**Beautiful and Attractive, They Are 200,000 Fewer than the Men.**  
"Some of the finest women that grow on this earth are to be found in Rio Janeiro," remarked Antonio R. Seabra, a merchant of that city, to a Washington Post man. Senior Seabra is wealthy and spends much of his time between his home city and Paris. He is now here with A. M. Campos to study conditions in the United States.

The women in Rio are both beautiful and vivacious, he continued. They are decidedly attractive in every way, and the fact that there are about 200,000 fewer of them than men in a total population of more than a million makes them all the more sought after. When there is so much competition among the men to win the woman, the men strive harder for success and seek to make themselves more attractive. While our women are as vivacious as the Spanish women, their manner is more genteel. They have the wit of the French women, and are at the same time more constant. Family life among us is very delightful.

The disproportion between the sexes is so great that I think it would be a good thing to import, say, 100,000 women from Boston, where there are many more women than men, and where, therefore, there are many old maidens.

It is largely to inability to endure the blot upon his business reputation which he could result from the suspension of the Knickerbocker Trust Company that Mr. Barney's closest friends attribute his act. He had been at the head of the trust company for many years and had seen it grow from a comparatively obscure concern to one of the leading financial institutions of the city. Then, almost without warning, came the crash. The resignation of Mr. Barney as president of the Knickerbocker was accepted by the directors and the next day the great trust company, with obligations to its depositors amounting to nearly \$70,000,000, was forced to suspend payment. In the run, which lasted less than a day, the enormous total of \$30,000,000 was paid across the counters.

Not since the murder of Staunton White by Harry T. Law on the foot of Madison Square Garden has there been a greater sensation than that caused by the self-destruction of Mr. Barney. In business, social, club and hotel circles the suicide was the one topic of conversation.

**Strike Blockers Now in Demand.**

Now it is the "strike blocker" that is taking the place of the strike breaker in a secret campaign of the employers against the labor unions, according to an article by Allen Sangree in American Industries, organ of the National Manufacturers' Association. The movement, the man who, with an industrial crisis approaches in any time, joins a union, and by uniting with the employer and then the members of the union, learns the actual cause of the trouble. "To do this," says Sangree, "he must have the confidence of each and to unionists, of course, his identity must not be revealed. He is the 'source of prevention.' Sangree adds that within the last year strike-blockers have been established in every industrial center of the country. The operatives number thousands, and already more than a dozen big strikes have been averted by them. Their efforts are directed by men who, combining the abilities of detective and labor organizer, the phrase of the professional blocker is, 'the source of prevention.'

**Electric Polisher.**

The increasing demand for high grade floor polishing has resulted in the introduction of an electric machine which is very efficient for use on large surfaces of tile, mosaic, and other floors of similar construction.

A six-wheel electric floor surfer, all

of the driving parts of which are com-

pletely enclosed and protected from grit

and water is now manufactured. The electric motor used is of seven and a half horse-power capacity. The ma-

chine is designed to be self-propelling

in either direction. Its rate of speed

is fifteen feet per minute. It is oper-

ated from a seat at the front. The six grinding heads are thirteen inches in diameter and run at a speed of 200 revolu-

tions per minute. The electrically driven grinders are so arranged as cov-

ering a track of thirty-three inches in

width and the wheels are fitted with

rubber tires to prevent marring or

scratching the floor. The weight of

the machine complete with its equip-

ment of switching apparatus, steering

gear and reversing handles together

with the necessary starting rheostats

and other electrical apparatus for con-

trolling the electric mechanism, is

about one ton.—Technical World Mag-

azine.

**A Long Way On.**

"Well, good-by," said the hostess. "You must come and see us some time when we get into our new home in the suburbs."

"I hadn't heard of that," replied Mr. Boren. "When are you going to move there?"

"Some time next summer," said Philadelphia Press.

## WILLIAM J. BRYAN IS WILLING TO RUN.

Declares in The Commoner He Is Ready to Accept Honor if Requested.

### WILL NOT SEEK THE PLACE.

Prepared to Lend His Support to Any Other Candidate that the Democrats May Select.

William Jennings Bryan in the current issue of the Commoner, the paper owned and edited by him, announces his willingness to be the candidate of the Democratic party again, should he be called upon. However, he declares he will not seek the nomination. If the Democrats should decide that some will easily suit him better than he, he will be neither disappointed nor disgruntled, he says. He insists that the

### OKLAHOMA FORTY-SIXTH STATE ENTERS UNION.

Is the Richest, Most Populous and Most Promising of All Her Predecessors.

With the proclamation of President Roosevelt Saturday, notifying the world that a new State had been born, Oklahoma took her place in the sisterhood of Uncle Sam. The new State is the richest and most promising ever admitted to the American Union. She has half as many people as all the thirteen original States combined when they achieved their independence. By ac-

tual count of noses she has six times the population of any other State ever received at the time of admission into the Union. She has fifty times the amount of wealth that could be claimed by any of her predecessors at the beginning of their State life, and has, what not one of them could show, all the arts and sciences, the improvements and progress that go to make a highly civilized Commonwealth, from wireless telegraphy to the skyscraper, from the telephone to chemical farming. More than a million and a half persons claim the new State as theirs, and it will not be long after the census is taken in 1910 before the 2,000,000 mark will be passed. All the old States have sent their best blood into Oklahoma to give it cosmopolitan life, and, no matter where you are from, if you travel with its borders you will find your own people. The farmer from New England is there raising cotton side by side with his northern crops; the Louisiana planter has taken a homestead and is growing alfalfa and wheat, and the Pennsylvania and Ohioans are digging coal or boring for oil, while the California and Texan are gaining wealth from mills or railroads or electric plants. There are thrift and push and energy everywhere. If Oklahoma has any lazy residents, they manage to conceal themselves, for the whole population seems on the move continually. Spots that were grassy prairies are bustling towns today; yesterday's towns are cities now; the hotels cannot accommodate the so-called leaders.

He has received honors enough from the party, he says. He has been amply repaid by it for all he has done in its behalf. He will cheerfully serve in the ranks if another leader is chosen to make the fight. But should the party's choice fall on him, his address is Lincoln, Neb., the dog is tied and his doorbell is in good working order.

### GOTHAM BANKER A SUICIDE.

Deposed of the Knickerbocker Concern Shoots Himself.

Charles Tracy Barney depositor pres-

ident of the Knickerbocker Trust Com-

pany, millionaire promoter, social lead-

er, clubman and one of the best known

men in New York City, shot himself in

his mansion at 35th street and Third

avenue.

It is largely to inability to endure the

blot upon his business reputation which he could result from the suspen-

sion of the Knickerbocker Trust Com-

pany that Mr. Barney's closest friends

attribute his act. He had been at the

head of the trust company for many

years and had seen it grow from a com-

paratively obscure concern to one of

the leading financial institutions of the

city. Then, almost without warning,

came the crash. The resignation of

Mr. Barney as president of the Knick-

erbocker was accepted by the directors

and the next day the great trust com-

pany, with obligations to its depositors

amounting to nearly \$70,000,000, was

forced to suspend payment. In the run,

which lasted less than a day, the enor-

mous total of \$30,000,000 was paid

across the counters.

Cassie L. Clowick, male white she was

in prison, and which had been ordered

sealed by a lot court. The opening of

this case was in connection with the

suicide of the administrator of the estate of

W. C. Jutte, the Pittsburgh coal operator,

who committed suicide last year

against James W. Friend, as president of

the Pressed Steel Car Company, for an

accounting. Mrs. Clowick said she had

borrowed small amounts from Friend for

a long time, simply on her story of the

vast wealth that Andrew Carnegie had

put into her care. She said he had

promised to turn over his estate valued

at \$3,000,000, which she said were held

by Ira Reynolds on a certain date, in

consideration for which Friend had

agreed to pay him a cash payment. He

had agreed to do this prior to Nov. 1, 1907.

## Crawford Avalanche.

O. PALMER, Editor and Proprietor.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, NOV. 21

## Home Circle Department

Opal thoughts as they fall from the Editorial Pen—Pleasant Evening Reveries.

A column dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

"Better than gold is a peaceful home, Where all the fireside charities come. The shrine of love, the Heaven of life, Hallowed by mother, or sister, or wife. However humble the home may be, Or tried by sorrow by heaven's decree The blessings that never were bought or sold, And center there, are better than gold."

There's a Difference.

Some Things Which are Considered Better Than Our Government.

Every man would like to see his government the best kind of government. He would like to feel an absolute confidence in it. He would like to believe that it cared about him, whether he was rich or poor.

This is particularly true of us Americans. We are pioneers in government for, of and by the people. We don't like to think that any other government could have beaten us on any part of our own proposition.

But because we know some things could be improved, sometimes we plan what seem to us pretty fair reforms.

We would like to put them into practice if the leaders didn't say, "Oh, you can't do that; it's too radical." It never has been done that way. It sounds good, but it's dangerous."

So things keep on just as they have always been.

But other countries have been going ahead. We want to tell you about one of these countries.

It is the British colony of New Zealand, about 1,000 miles southeast of Australia.

In New Zealand the state owns 3,000 miles of railroads, and has 18 new lines under construction. It charges the lowest possible rates. There is only one privately owned line, and this cannot charge any more than the state does. It owns the entire telephone and telegraph system. There is a government life insurance department, and all the profits go back to the policy-holders.

The government owns and operates its coal mines thereby fixing the price charged by private mines. There is a postal savings bank. It has a graduated land and income tax. Incomes of less than \$1,500 are untaxed. The government arbitrates strikes. There is an old age pension for worthy citizens. Homesteads cannot be sold or mortgaged for debt. Child labor is prohibited. The state enforces sanitation in its factories, and fixes the hours of labor.

These are some of New Zealand's radical methods.

Did you say "paternalism"? Did you say "wild socialistic hobbies"?

Maybe, it is not at all likely that all of New Zealand's experiments would be suited to America and Americans.

"And, after all," you say, "this is not government of and by the people."

Not, it isn't, from our standpoint.

But when the poor man is out of the hands of the coal trust and the railroad trust and the telegraph and telephone trusts; when he can buy insurance at bottom price; when he can be encouraged to own his home; when the burden of taxation is placed upon those who have the most protection; when the government works to reconcile labor and capital; when child labor is a crime, and when a man cannot be made to toil like a machine—

That is government "for" the people, and the "for" is just as important as the "of" and the "by."

The same thing may be done in different ways; but what concerns us is results.—See News.

Dog as Friend and Food.

The Germans love the dog. They look after his health; they provide him bathing establishments furnished with every modern contrivance, hot and cold water, vapor douches, friction. They appreciate his character, his fidelity, his frankness; and they regard him as food; they like him as a friend and as victuals. In Prussia alone in one quarter 526 dogs were recently killed for food.—Le Journal des Débats de Paris.

Spread of Esperanto.

The other day, at the Café Napoléon, a favorite haunt of journalists and men of letters, French and foreign, says a Paris correspondent, I sat beside three tourists—an Australian, a Bulgarian and an Italian—who, ignorant of each other's native tongue, talked in Esperanto. To me it was a revelation, in the sense that hearing or seeing a thing is so much more conclusive and impressive than reading about it."

England's Telephones.

England has the most expensive and the worst telephone system. No other country is so badly served. Norway and Sweden do not even rank in the way that all telephone readers will remember. Australia is far in advance of us, and, on the continent, there is no country where things are not infinitely better managed. Electrical Review.

## WAB KIRBY SOCIETY JOURNAL.

Hand-to-Hand News Was Issued

Nearly 200 Years Ago.

In these days of many society papers it is interesting to recall the genesis of the first one of the race, which was produced in France in the beginning of the eighteenth century.

It was called *Nouvelles à la Main*, or Hand-to-Hand News, in those days and the inventor was a lady named Mme. Doublet.

Mme. Doublet received all the best society of Paris and both she and her guests loved scandal. To cater for their taste a book was kept into which every visitor wrote what he or she had picked up in the way of news and gossip since his or her last visit, and these news items were afterward copied onto sheets of white paper and taken round to the houses of those of Mme. Doublet's friends who had not called that day.

Eventually the thing developed into a commercial enterprise, and *Hand-to-Hand News* was sold to all who wanted it for six francs monthly or \$6 a year. But a dollar in those days was, it must be remembered, worth a good deal more than it is now.

In 1758, when Mme. Doublet was quite an old lady, an attempt was made to stop the circulation of her *Nouvelles à la Main*. But it had gained so great a hold upon the public taste that the police were powerless to do so.—London Express.

MID-WEEK HOLIDAY REFERRED

Writer Thinks Change Would Make School Work Easier.

"Thursday, not Saturday, is the day the school children should have off," said a member of the Board of Education. "Then the week of work would be broken up twice. Instead of only once, as now. In France last year I noticed all the children going to school on Saturday."

"Why, how is this?" I asked. "I thought Saturday was a school holiday all the world over."

"No," they said, "Sunday is a holiday with us, and Thursday is Sunday and Thursday—they are the children's two days off. They are the best days, for they break the week twice."

"We have Saturday and Sunday off in America," said I.

"Why, how foolish," said the Frenchman. "Two holidays right together, and then an unbroken stretch of hard work for five days." School is hard work, you know. The average school child works harder than the average man."

"I came home convinced that we ought to make Saturday a school day and Thursday a day off. I have been urging this change for a year now. But the people balk at it. It is like urging a change of religion."—New York Press.

Made the Marriage Sure.

An amusing story is told of a marriage celebrated in the Glasgow (Scotland) southern police court some time ago. A man and woman were being tried on a charge of riotous conduct in Main street, Glasgow. In the indictment they were described as man and wife, but from the evidence offered to the court it was more than doubtful whether they were actually married. The presiding battle evidently suspicious that there was no such relationship between the pair, asked the woman, "Is this man (pointing to the male prisoner) your husband?" "Yes," was the answer. "And turning to the man, "Is this woman your wife?" "Yes." "Well, then, did his honor, who was well versed

in the Scots law of marriage, whether you were married before or not, you are now."

The Man on the Steps.

They were going to the matinee.

She was up in her boudoir putting on finishing touches and he was sitting impatiently on the front steps.

"George," she called down sweetly, "just one minute more until I find my gloves."

Eleven minutes passed.

"George," came from above, "wait another second. I've lost my pin."

"Twenty minutes slipped by,

"George," she continued, "don't go. One moment. A button just jumped off my shoe."

Long silence. Then George calls weakly:

"Hurry a little, Ethel. If you get down in another five minutes we can make the evening performance. Matinee's over long ago!"

The Falling Chickadee.

Chickadee is the only bird in my little world that I can find without fail three hundred and sixty-five days in the year. From January to the end of March he comes daily to my bird bush for suet; from April to early July he is busy with things domestic in the grey birches of my wood lot; from August to November he and his family are talking quietly and hunting in a little flock through the trees of the farm; and from them on to January again chickadee is back for his meals at "The Linn"—Dallas Love Sherp in Country Life in America.

She Paid the Palat Bill.

In Brookline, Mass., a short time ago, a woman was brought into court charged with intoxication. She was fined \$10, and as she ate her she said to the judge: "Well, I suppose you need this \$10 to help paint your house."

"Oh, yes," said his honor; "I think you had better give me \$5 more, and I guess I'll paint the blinds."

The fine was promptly made \$15.

Preserved in Alcohol.

Notwithstanding statistics show the French village of Chilly to be the heaviest consumer of alcoholic liquors in proportion to population of any village of France, it is a fact that the little hamlet contains also the largest number of octogenarians—American Wine Press.

Tonsorial Parlors.

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Modern Robin Hoods.

In England nothing has taken the

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Perhaps the reason is that the old

skill of wrist and eye is turned on to

games, and we have lost not a quality,

but a proper exercise for it. Soon, it

is to be hoped, Robin Hoods and Little

Johns will be found making bulls

with the Morris tube, instead of split-

ting wands with the arrow over them,

the villages of England—Country

Gentlemen, Land and Water.

Fowler, a drug store.

Frederic Freels.

Mrs. L. Gardner and baby is visiting in Cheboygan.

An oyster social Saturday evening in the town hall for the benefit of the church. 35 cents pays the bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Decker have moved to camp.

Mrs. W. Horner now lives in the Gay house.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson now live in the Fisher residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leaman of East Jordan now live in the Wilbur house.

Mrs. Joe Wood is sick with La Grippe.

A surprise party given at Rev. Sanderson's last Saturday evening.

Frank McLinden now runs the Walsh manufacturing store.

Mrs. George Vincent of Lewiston is visiting her mother Mrs. Frank Truedson.

Frank McGee is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis are happy over the arrival of a girl who has come to stay.

Mr. H. Schwell and family are now living at Gaylord.

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Long and medium length in black, gray and brown \$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00.

## Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, NOV. 21.

Local and Neighborhood News.

### Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year IN ADVANCE. If you time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondences, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

### Subscribers take Notice

On and after the first day of January, 1908, the subscription price of the AVAVALANCHE will be \$1.50 per year payable in advance. The price of paper is higher than ever before known, and the cost of all material used in the printing business has advanced to such an extent that this action is an imperative necessity if the paper is to be kept even self sustaining, to say nothing of any profit. All subscriptions received before January 1st, whether new or renewal, will be at \$1.00 per year.

A new advertising schedule will also be made for the coming year.

For fire insurance see R. W. Brink.

Pure candles and always fresh, at Sorenson's.

To think of Post Cards is to think of us.

SORENSEN'S FURNITURE STORE.

Try a sack of "Lighthouse" flour. None better few as good. S. H. Co.

Revenge is sweet, but it's nothing like S. B. & A. chocolates. Get them at Sorenson's.

FOR RENT—A good seven room house. HANS SCHMIDT Grayling Mich.

The ladies of the Catholic Church will give chicken pie supper at the Opera house Thursday night Nov. 21.

The best coffees and teas are found at the South Side Market.

Next time you eat chocolates eat the S. B. & A. brand, the kind that tastes like more.

Look up our subscription offers, and arrange for your next years reading at once.

PIGS FOR SALE—I have some fine pigs about two months old for sale for \$2.00 each. E. R. DECKROW Frederic, Mich.

The S. B. & A. Chocolates are famous. Why? Because they are good. Get them at Sorenson's.

"Light House" flour, the best in the market. Come and get a sack.

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Do your best always—You could do nothing better than to get a nice Post Card at Sorenson's and send to some forgotten friend.

FOR SALE, WOOD—A few cord of dry jack pine \$1.75 per cord. Tamack \$2.00 per cord. 16 inch. Leon J. Stephan.

Dressed chickens every day at South Side Market.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price, call at the AVAVALANCHE office.

FOR SALE—N. ½ S. E. ¼ Sec. 32, Town 27 north, Range 1 west, 80 acres. By Day & Powers, Springport, Mich.

For best bread use "Light House" flour. Money refunded if no satisfaction. S. H. Co.

FOR RENT—A new house with seven rooms, kitchen and a good cellar. Inquire at my office. A. P. W. DECKER.

A Bargain in Photographs to introduce our new platinum cabinet folders. We will make them for a short time only for \$3.00 per dozen, regular price \$5.00. Only one dozen to each customer. Call and see samples.

FOR SALE—A wagon for one or two horses, one horse sleigh, six feet runners, and one open buggy. Will be sold cheap. JAMES WERT ½ miles north-east of Grayling.

The prize offered by the Alba Advertising Co. in the wood sawing contest at the Opera house was awarded to Miss Velma Farrar. The prize consisted of a set of silver plated knives, forks and spoons.

Reports from different parts of the country show that last Sunday, 21st, of snow fell in Detroit, 6 inches in William, W. Va., 2 inches in Cleveland, Ohio, 2 inches in western Kansas, and 2 inches in Colorado Springs, Colo.

We are especially indebted to A. Kraus for the storage of our goods taken from the office, during the fire, Sunday morning, and to G. L. Alexander, for caring for papers, and offering us the use of his office for storing, as we might wish, and the same offer from Dr. H. H. Merriman, All of which is appreciated.

### MIDNIGHT FIRE.

Sunday morning between twelve and one o'clock, our village—or the most of it, was awakened by the alarm of fire. We were sleeping the sweet sleep of "youth and innocence" when disturbed by a terrible thumping on the door by night watchman Nolan, who tipped his hat and advised us that this office was burning.

We came down to see, and found the wood house nearly consumed, and the adjoining store room gone fast, while the south end of the office was a perfect sheet of flame, which quickly ate its way through doors and windows into the press room.

The boys with the machine were on their muscle and fought the fire inch by inch, until they conquered. No flame passed the center of the building, but the smoke was terrible and the deluge of water did considerable damage. The water pressure was all that could be wished and there was never two lines of hose handled more perfectly.

While they were fighting the fire scores of our citizens had moved our law office, books, papers and furniture across the street and large quantities of stock and printing material, though the latter was badly damaged by smoke and some by water.

At this writing the loss has not been inventoried but is estimated at from \$1,200.00 to \$1,500.00, insured in the North River, of New York on the building, and the German, of Pittsburgh, on the printing outfit.

The fire was undoubtedly incendiary as there was never any fire in the building where it started. We fear there may be a fire-bug in our midst.

You will notice that the AVAVALANCHE yet stands notwithstanding?

Gamblin Delta will meet on Friday evening the 22nd, at the home of Miss Florence Wakefield.

The Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Countryman, Friday afternoon. Everybody come.

The Nichols Brothers of Roscommon, thrashed 554 bushels of clover seed and 12,321 bushels of different kinds of grain in Crawford county this season.

We are glad to be alive, and glad that we live in Grayling. The prompt work of citizens during our fire, and the words of sympathy and good cheer since, are better than gold.

Little Miss Cunningham mourns the loss of her little maltese and white kitten. Who will find and return it, and make the little lady happy? She brought it from Saginaw with the rest of her family.

We ask the indulgence of our readers this week if our columns are not quite up to the standard typographically. Heat and water having twisted cuts, and really we have labored under some little disadvantage.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kraus will entertain the Odd Fellows and their wives and the Rebeccas and their husbands at their home, Friday evening Nov. 22d, for the benefit of the new Odd Fellows Hall. Ten cents each is the fee.

All our readers are respectfully asked to look clear down in the bottom of their pocket, and if they find a dollar or more that ought to be in mine, send it in or bring it, for I could use it all just now in my business, covering in the office ashes.

During our fire Sunday morning the store of Comine & Co. next east caught, and the flames quickly reached the cornice and roof. But was quickly extinguished with but small loss on building and small loss on feed by the water. It was close enough for comfort.

The girls of the Valhalla club met with Miss Laura Munn last Friday evening. Miss Nell Johnson of Roscommon and Miss Nettie Millikin of Beaver Creek were guests. After a pleasant evening the girls went to their several homes, thinking of the delightful lunch which had been served.

We are under obligation to the Roscommon News, for the privilege of using their office and press for this issue. Our forms and paper were taken there yesterday noon and returned at 8:30 in the evening, so that we are out practically on time. We have never missed an issue since 1881, and felt it was to late to begin.

At the Grange meeting Sat. the coming Farmer's Institute was discussed, resulting in appointing the following committee: L. B. Merrill of Beaver Creek, Perry Ontario of Grayling with Henry Funk of South Branch as chairman to assist in perfecting and carrying out the program to make a list of premium farm exhibits, the Grange to back them in their work all that can be done to make the coming institute a success. Any farmer in the county will have an opportunity to compete. lend a hand once, and let the outside know that we are still alive.

Every effort is being exerted. The cores are now to be ready for new covers on all the books in days before we can rest on job work, as the jobbers will be here to oversee and probably have to resort to the old adage for the paper, until we find a new one as the heaviest tree we've got on Campbell and we'll be in a bind, leide how much it will cost to put entirely out of commission.

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### Letter From Washington.

Kopish, Wash. Nov. 6, 1907.

Editor AVAVALANCHE.

Dear Sir:—I saw by the AVAVALANCHE of Oct. 31; a letter from D. C. Smith of Snokomish, Wash., which does not look good to me. Michigan is all right but it was not good enough for me and I did not run it down, nor my home town as long as it was my home, but now Washington is my home and I am here to stay. I did not come out here with the idea that I was going to "get rich quick." But there is lots of work here and good wages for any man who wants to work.

Snokomish is my town; or rather, I have a ranch between there and Everett, and I don't want you folks there in Grinnell to think that I am starving to death. At the present time I am working at a coal mine; I get \$10 per month, house rent, coal, electric lights and water free and no lost time. We pay \$2.75 for common labor for eight hours work, that is the least paid here and we have 150 men working, some of them make as high as \$8 and \$9 per day.

Living does not cost much more here than it did there when I was there. I just had delivered at my house one half ton of potatoes at one cent per pound; I got the best flour here yesterday for \$5.40 per bbl.; butter has never been over 40 cents per pound and that is for creamery, dairy is from 5 to 10 cents less; eggs are from 45 to 50 cents per dozen, but you don't have to buy them, and they never have been 75 cents since I have been in this country, good apples can be got for from 50 to 75 cents per box; wood when sold by the cord here is 4x8x feet or 3 ricks of 16 inch wood and is sold for \$5; coal here at the mine sells for from 1.25 to \$3.50 per ton and it is a good coal. Land can be bought here just the same as there, if one wants to buy acre tracts in the city they come rather high, but out in the country you can get it for \$1 per acre. Now if any of you want to come to Washington, don't let any home sick "Knocker" make you think that you can't make a living here, as you can, and that is not all, you can put some money in the bank, and that is more than "I" could do in Michigan.

Yours Respectfully,  
ARTHUR BRINK.

We return thanks to Mrs. A. B. Falting, now at Monroe, La., for a fine bouquet of Cotton Balls. We had not seen the plant growing since the war in Dixie. It is interesting.

Since writing of our fire we have discovered some unexpected losses.

All the wood type in the office is ruined, as well as nearly all of our halftone cuts. The terrific heat and steam having warped them so they stand northwest and crosswise.

The Alba Advertising Co. have had the boards at the opera house the past week, and have given excellent satisfaction. Their work is unique, but clean and inviting. The introduction of "wood sawing" and "nail driving contests" by our young ladies, made a world of amusement and interest.

Pray for us.

W. B. ORCUTT, President  
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COUNTY OF CRAWFORD  
Petition for said County  
Estate of Fayette P. Richardson deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the Judge of Probate of said county, Commissioners on Claims in the matter of said estate, and six months from the 15th day of October A. D. 1907, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate, to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment.

Notice is hereby given that we will meet on Monday the 12th day of December A. D. 1907 and on Wednesday the 15th day of April A. D. 1908 at ten o'clock a.m. on each of those days at the residence of George Hartman, in the township of South Branch in said county, to receive and examine such claims.

Dated Oct. 27, A. D. 1907.

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JAMES F. CRANE  
Commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Boddy and daughter Ethel called on Mrs. H. S. Bush Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Silas Boddy and daughter Ethel called on Mrs. H. S. Bush Sunday.

FOR SALE—Chophouse cash house with ten acres on the south side, all in good condition with some river frontage. Also several good improved farms at your

Roll-called. Full Board present. Supervisor Chalker in the chair. Motion prevailed.

Moved by Supervisor Hump, that the township clerk's statements of money to be raised by tax be placed in the hands of the committee on finance. Motion prevailed.

On motion of Supervisor Barnes, the board adjourned until 12:30 in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION Oct. 19, 1907.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Roll-called. Full Board present. Supervisor Chalker in the chair.

Moved by Supervisor Silsby, and supported by Supervisor Craven, that the board please request a superintendent of the poor to hold the office of the clerk to act as referee. Motion prevailed.

First ballot. Total vote cast 5, of which James K. Bates received 3, and Leo H. Richardson 2.

James K. Bates was declared elected superintendent of the poor.

Moved by Supervisor Hump, that the board propose to get a school examiner. By ballot, the clerk acted as teller. Motion prevailed.

First ballot. Total vote cast 5, of which Isabell Cobb received 3, and Leo H. Richardson 2.

Isabell Cobb was declared elected school examiner.

Moved by Supervisor Barnes, that the clerk and chairman of this board be instructed to enter into and execute a contract in behalf of the County with the superintendent of the Detroit House of Corrections on the hire of form furnished by the superintendent.

Moved by Supervisor Barnes, in support of his resolution, that the following resolution of the committee on capital outlay be adopted and a bill filed. After a few words of debate, Supervisor Barnes, Silsby, Craven and Chalker voting aye, Supervisor Hump voting nay.

REPORT.

Dated Oct. 9, 1907.

We the superintendents of the poor would respectfully ask that an appropriation of \$1,000 be placed in the joint fund for the support of the poor for the year ending September 30, very respectfully,

R. P. FORBES  
L. E. PARKER  
J. K. BATES

Dated this 10th day of Oct., 1907.

Moved by Supervisor Hump, that the county treasurer be authorized to transfer from the contingent fund to the poor fund, the sum of \$1,500.00.

Moved by Supervisor Hump, that the following report of the committee on claims and accounts be accepted and adopted. Motion prevailed.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Crawford County.

Your committee to whom was referred the duty of ascertaining the status of the claim of Crawford County against the county of Gladwin, would report that they have had a conference with the prosecuting attorney of Gladwin, and, as far as can be known, the matter would be brought before the legal aid supervisor at the October session.

CHARLES SILSBY  
CHARLES CRAVEN  
W. S. CHALKER  
W. F. BARNES

Committee.

Moved by Supervisor Barnes, that the report of the committee on county highway roads be accepted and placed on file. Motion prevailed.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Crawford County.

GENTLEMEN: Your committee to whom was referred the part of the report of the jail inspectors recommending steel sheeting on brick wall and corner of jail, would respectfully urge the same back without recom-

mendation.

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W. F. BARNES

Committee.

Moved by Supervisor Barnes, that the communication of H. B. Miller be placed in the hands of the committee on court house repairs. Motion prevailed.

On motion the board adjourned until one o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION Oct. 22, 1907.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Roll-called. Full Board present. Supervisor Chalker in the chair.

On motion of Supervisor Hump, bill No. 86 was allowed as charged.

Moved by Supervisor Barnes, that the following resolution of Supervisor Barnes be accepted and adopted and entered on the journal. Motion prevailed.

Resolved that the thanks of this board are hereby extended to the chairman, W. S. Chalker, for the gentlemanly and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of this body, and to deputy county clerk John J. Niederer for the very good services he has rendered to this board in all its business.

O. F. BARNES, Supervisor.

Minutes of this meeting read and approved.

Moved by Supervisor Barnes, that this board adjourn until January 6th, 1908, at 2 o'clock p.m. Motion pre-

valled.

W. S. CHALKER,  
J. J. NIEDERER,  
Deputy County Clerk.

ATTEMPTED TO GET A BILL PASSED.

Moved by Supervisor Barnes, that the sheriff be authorized to buy 100 cords of fire-free wood for the use of the County, and that the clerk and chairman be authorized to draw orders for payment on same when delivery made to the sheriff. Motion pre-

vailed.

Moved by Supervisor Barnes, that the following resolution was accepted and adopted, to wit: Resolved that the prosecuting attorney and county clerk be authorized to enter into correspondence with a state public school, with the purpose of having

Laura Moon, now an inmate of the county poor house, taken in charge by said institution, and they are further

authorized to make all necessary arrangements to have said Laura Moon received by said institution.

O. F. BARNES.

On motion of Supervisor Craven, the board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

J. J. NIEDERER,  
Deputy County Clerk.

ATTEMPTED TO GET A BILL PASSED.

Moved by Supervisor Barnes, that the following report of the committee on finance be accepted and adopted.

Supervisors Barnes, Hump, Craven, Silsby and Chalker voting aye. Motion prevailed.

REPORT.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Crawford County.

GENTLEMEN: Your committee to whom was referred the amounts of state and county tax for the year 1907 and recommend that the several supervisors be authorized to spread the same upon their respective tax rolls of said year to wit:

STATE TAX.

Beaver Creek \$ 202.81  
Frederic 1,641.36  
Grayling 1,832.00  
Maple Forest 588.15  
South Branch 270.44

Total \$4,500.16

COUNTY TAX.

Beaver Creek \$ 202.50  
Frederic 1,612.50  
Grayling 1,810.11  
Maple Forest 587.25  
South Branch 270.05

Total \$4,500.00

all of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. HUM

CHARLES CRAVEN

W. S. CHALKER

ORLANDO F. BARNES

Committee.

Moved that the report of the superintendents of the poor be accepted and adopted. Motion prevailed.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Crawford County.

GENTLEMEN: We the superintendents of the poor of Crawford county would respectfully submit the following report, to wit:

REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1907.

Deficit \$165.07

Money received during the year from contingent fund \$1,000.00

Expenses during the year.

Provision \$21,91

Clothing 34.55

Superintendents service 93.70

Funeral expenses 26.30

Jail inspection 15.80

Meat and aids 20.00

Bedding 10.25

Transportation 10.4

Supervisors reports 6.90

Total deficiency \$1,139.95

Money received 1,000.00

Expenditure \$1,139.95

Deficiency of 1907 105.07

Total deficiency \$1,002.02

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R. P. FORBES

L. E. PARKER

J. K. BATES

Sup. of Poor.

Dated Oct. 9, 1907.

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W. F. BARNES

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O. F. BARNES, Supervisor.

Minutes of this meeting read and approved.

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J. J. NIEDERER,  
Deputy County Clerk.

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Deputy County Clerk.

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Moved by Supervisor Barnes, that the following report of the committee on finance be accepted and adopted.

Supervisors Barnes, Hump, Craven, Silsby and Chalker voting aye. Motion pre-

vailed.

REPORT.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Crawford County.

GENTLEMEN: Your committee to whom was referred the amounts of state and county tax for the year 1907 and recommend that the several supervisors be authorized to spread the same upon their respective tax rolls of said year to wit:

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May 31. To bal on hand	\$920.04	May 1. By bal on hand	\$722.90
" 31. " Tax collected	38.50	" 31. " Tax sales	158.64
Total	\$920.04	Total	\$920.04
June 30. To bal on hand	\$935.48	June 1. By bal on hand	\$920.04
" 30. " Tax collected	15.44	" 30. " Tax sales	13.49
Total	\$935.48	Total	\$935.48
July 31. To bal on hand	\$947.61	July 1. By bal on hand	\$935.48
" 31. " Tax collected	12.13	" 31. " Tax sales	1.19
Total	\$947.61	Total	\$947.61
Sept 30. To bal on hand	\$967.19	Aug 1. By bal on hand	\$946.61
" 31. " Tax collected	6.09	" 31. " Tax sales	13.49
Total	\$967.19	Total	\$967.19

### Soldiers Relief fund.

1907. Dr.	1907. Cr.
Jan 31. To orders paid	\$20.00
" 31. Bal on hand	120.11
Total	\$140.11
Feb 28. To orders paid	\$20.00
" 28. Bal on hand	100.11
Total	\$120.11
Mar 30. To bal on hand	\$102.21
" 31. By balanced	100.11
" 30. Tax collected	2.10
Total	\$102.21
June 30. To bal on hand	\$105.21
" 30. Tax collected	3.02
Total	\$105.21
Sept 30. To bal on hand	\$108.71
" 30. Tax collected	3.51
Total	\$108.71

### Village of Grayling:

1907. Dr.	1907. Cr.
May 31. To bal on hand	\$2,227.50
" 31. By liquor license	1,980.00
Total	\$2,227.50
July 9. To Village Treas	\$2,227.50
" 31. By bal on hand	2,227.50
Total	\$2,227.50

### Township of South Branch.

1907. Dr.	1907. Cr.
Jan 31. To town treas	\$1.00
" 31. " bal on hand	1.00
Total	\$1.00
Feb 28. To bal on hand	\$4.25
" 28. By tax collected	4.25
Total	\$4.25
Mar 31. To clgd by A G	\$21.12
" 31. " Soldiers rel fund	22.50
" 31. " Balance	47.00
Total	\$1.00
Apr 30. To bal on hand	\$447.02
" 30. Tax collected	15.84
Total	\$462.86
May 31. To state tax 1906	\$188.25
" 31. County tax	205.00
" 31. " Bal on hand	510.36
Total	\$803.61
June 30. To tax clgd by A G	\$1.00
" 30. " Soldiers R F	38.00
" 30. " Town treas	437.00
" 30. " Bal on hand	432.02
Total	\$884.02
July 1. To bal on hand	\$433.14
" 31. Tax collected	1.49
Total	\$434.63
Aug 31. To bal on hand	\$437.35
" 31. " Tax collected	2.24
Total	\$437.59
Sept 30. To chgd back A G	\$21.38
" 30. " Soldiers R	21.38
" 30. " Town treas	432.02
" 30. " Bal on hand	401.26
Total	\$614.87
Oct 1. Balance on hand	\$101.26

### Township Beaver Creek.

1907. Cr.	1907. Dr.
Jan 31. To town treas	\$1,530.55
" 31. " Soldiers R	5.10
" 31. " bal on hand	5.10
Total	\$1,530.60
Feb 28. To bal on hand	\$10.77
" 28. " Tax collected	5.67
Total	\$10.77
Mar 31. To Soldiers R	\$1.45
" 31. " Bal on hand	3,020.97
Total	\$3,027.40
Apr 30. To bal on hand	\$3,061.59
" 30. " Tax collected	33.62
Total	\$3,095.19
May 31. To State tax	\$21,161.34
" 31. " County tax	210.40
" 31. " Bal on hand	3,106.78
Total	\$24,478.52
June 30. To Soldiers relief	\$1.55
" 30. " Town treasurer	3,020.66
" 30. " Bal on hand	473.24
Total	\$3,500.73
July 31. To bal on hand	\$475.73
" 31. " Tax collected	2.49
Total	\$475.73
Aug 31. To bal on hand	\$476.92
" 31. " Tax collected	1.19
Total	\$476.92
Sept 30. To tax chgd to town	\$4.45
" 30. " Soldiers relief	37.34
" 30. " Town treasurer	473.24
" 30. " Bal on hand	313.76
Total	\$501.75
Oct 1. To bal on hand	\$313.76

### Township of Grayling.

1907. Cr.	1907. Dr.
Jan 31. To town treasurer	\$299.77
" 31. " Soldiers relief	29
" 31. " Balance on hand	21.51
Total	\$321.37
Feb 28. To bal on hand	\$29.27
" 28. " Tax collected	7.96
Total	\$29.27
Mar 31. To tax chgd to Un	\$6.67
" 31. " Soldiers relief	50
" 31. " Bal on hand	489.82
" 31. " And Gen	36.44
" 31. " state tax land	657.39
Total	\$856.99
Apr 30. To bal on hand	\$954.34
" 30. " Tax collected	104.52
Total	\$954.34
May 31. To state tax 1906	\$1,230.74
" 31. " county tax 1906	1,084.35
" 31. " bal on hand	1,212.20
" 31. " returned del	161.69
" 31. " co del	200.92
" 31. " tax roll del	47.33
" 31. " tax sales	19.62
Total	\$4,242.58
June 30. To tax chgd to Ag S	\$7.50
" 30. " Soldiers relief	1.25
" 30. " town treasurer	856.49
" 30. " Bal on hand	489.32
" 30. " state homestead library	50.24
Total	\$1,354.60
July 31. To bal on hand	\$571.01
" 31. " By bal on hand	489.32
" 31. " Tax collected	81.54
Total	\$570.91
Aug 31. To bal on hand	\$570.91
" 31. " By bal on hand	28.34
" 31. " Tax collected	28.34
Total	\$599.25
Sept 30. To tax chgd to Ag S	\$8.27
" 30. " soldiers relief	1.75
" 30. " town treasurer	480.32
" 30. " Bal on hand	902.80
" 30. " sale state hd land	371.01
Total	\$1,552.00
Oct 1. By bal on hand	\$602.86

### Balance Account.

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## Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, NOV. 21

### Local and Neighborhood News.

#### Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper should be to time when your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year IN ADVANCE. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondences, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

#### Subscribers take Notice

On and after the first day of January, 1908, the subscription price of the AVALANCHE will be \$1.50 per year payable in advance. The price of paper is higher than ever before known, and the cost of all material used in the printing business has advanced to such an extent that this action is an imperative necessity if the paper is to be kept even self sustaining, to say nothing of any profit.

All subscriptions received before January 1st, whether new or renewals will be at \$1.00 per year.

A new advertising schedule will also be made for the coming year.

For fire insurance see R. W. Brink.

Pure candies and always fresh, at Sorenson's.

To think of Post Cards is to think of us.

Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Try a sack of "Lighthouse" flour. None better few as good. S. H. Co.

Revenge is sweet, but it's nothing like S. B. & A. chocolates. Get them at Sorenson's.

FOR RENT—A good seven room house. HANS SCHMIDT  
Grayling Mich.

The ladies of the Catholic Church will give a chicken pie supper at the Opera house Thursday night Nov. 21.

The best coffees and teas are found at the South Side Market.

Next time you eat chocolates eat the S. B. & A. brand, the kind that tastes like more.

Look up our subscription offers, and arrange for your next years reading at once.

PIGS FOR SALE—I have some fine pigs about two months old for sale for \$2.00 each. F. R. DECKROW  
Frederick, Mich.

The S. B. & A. chocolates are famous. Why? Because they are good. Get them at Sorenson's.

"Light House" flour, the best in the market. Come and get a sack. S. H. Co.

Do your best always. You could do nothing better than to get a nice Post Card at Sorenson's and send to some forgotten friend.

FOR SALE, WOOD—A few cord of dry jack pine \$1.75 per cord. Tax arack \$2.00 per cord. 16 inch. Leon J. Stephan.

Dressed chickens every day at South Side Market.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price, call at the AVALANCHE office.

FOR SALE—N 1/2 of S.E. 1/4 Sec. 32, Town 27 north, Range 1 west, 80 acres. By Dey & Powers, Springport, Michigan.

For best bread use "Light House" flour. Money refunded if no; also factory. S. H. Co.

FOR RENT—A new house with seven rooms, kitchen and a good cellar. Inquire at my office A. P. W. DECKER.

A bargain in Photographs to introduce our new platinum cabinet folders. We will make them for a short time only for \$3.00 per dozen, regular price \$5.00. Only one dozen to each customer. Call and see samples.

FOR SALE—A wagon for one or two horses, one one-horse sleigh, six feet runners, and one open buggy. Will be sold cheap. JAMES WERT 2 1/2 miles north-east of Grayling.

The prize offered by the Albus Advertising Co. in the wood saving contest at the Opera house was awarded to Miss Velma Farrah. The prize consisted of a set of silver plated knives, forks and spoons.

Reports from different part of the country show that last Sun. in. of snow fell in Detroit, 6 inches in William, W. Va., 2 inches in Cleveland, Ohio, 2 inches in western Kansas, and 2 inches in Colorado Springs, Col.

We are especially indebted to A. Kraus for the storage of our goods taken from the office, during the fire, Sunday morning, and to G. L. Alexander, for caring for papers, and offering us the use of his office for storing, as we might wish, and the same offer from Dr. H. H. Merriman. All of which is appreciated.

## MIDNIGHT FIRE.

### Letter From Washington.

Kopiah, Wash. Nov. 6, 07.  
Editor AVALANCHE.

Dear Sir: I saw by the AVALANCHE of Oct. 31, a letter from D. C. Smith of Snokomish, Wash., which does not look good to me. Michigan is all right but it was not good enough for me and I did not run it down, nor my home town as long as it was my home, but now Washington is my home and I am here to stay. I did not come out here with the idea that I was going to "get rich quick". But there is lots of work here and good wages for any man who wants to quickly ate it way through doors and windows into the press room.

The "boys with the machin'Z" were on their muscle and fought the fire inch-by-inch, until they conquered. No flame passed the center of the building, but the smoke was intense and the deluge of water did considerable damage. The water-pressure was all that could be wished and there was never two lines of hose handled more perfectly.

While they were fighting the fire scores of our citizens had moved our law office, books, papers, and furniture across the street and large quantities of stock and printing material, though the latter was badly damaged by smoke and some by water.

At this writing the loss has not been invoiced but is estimated at from \$1,200.00 to \$1,500.00, insured in the North River of New York on the building, and the German, of Pittsburg, on the printing outfit.

The fire was undoubtedly incendiary as there was never any fire in the building where it started. We fear there may be a fire-bug in our midst.

You will notice that the AVALANCHE yet slides, notwithstanding?

Gama Phi Delta will meet on Friday evening the 22nd, at the home of Miss Florence Wakefield.

The Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Countryman, Friday afternoon. Everybody come.

The Nichols Brothers of Roscommon, thrashed 554 bushels of clover seed and 12,321 bushels of different kinds of grain in Crawford county this season.

We are glad to be alive, and glad that we live in Grayling. The prompt work of citizens during our fire, and the words of sympathy and good cheer since, are better than gold.

Little Miss Cunningham mourns the loss of her little maltese and white kitten. Who will find and return it, and make the little lady happy? She brought it from Saginaw with the rest of her family.

We ask the indulgence of our readers this week if our columns are not quite up to the standard typographical. Heat and water having twisted cuts, and really we have labored under some little disadvantage.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kraus will entertain the Odd Fellows and their wives and the Rebekas and their husbands at their home, Friday evening Nov. 22d, for the benefit of the new Odd Fellows Hall. Ten cents each is the fee.

All our readers are respectfully asked to look clean down in the bottom of their pocket, and if they find a dollar or more that ought to be in mine, send it in or bring it for I could use it all just now in my business, covering up the office ashes.

During our fire Sunday morning the store of Conning & Co. next east caught, and the flames quickly reached the cornice and roof. Int was quickly extinguished with but small loss on building and small loss on feed by the water. It was close enough for comfort.

The girls of the Vallabba club met with Miss Lastra Mann last Friday evening. Miss Nell Johnson of Roscommon and Miss Netta Millikan of Beaver Creek were guests. After a pleasant evening the girls went to their several homes, thinking of the delightful lunch which had been served.

We are under obligation to the Roscommon News, for the privilege of using their office and press for this issue. Our forms and paper were taken there yesterday noon and returned at 8.30 in the evening, so that we are out practically on time. We have never missed an issue since 1881 and felt it was to late to begin.

At the Grange meeting Sat. the coming Farmer's Institute was discussed, resulting in appointing the following committee: L. B. Merrill of Beaver Creek, Perry Ostrander of Grayling with Henry Buck of South Branch as chairman to assist in perfecting and carrying out the program also to make a list of premiums for farm exhibits, the Grange to back them in their work, all that can be done to make the coming institute a success. Every farmer in the county will have an opportunity to compete. Lent a hand once, and let the outside know that we are still alive.

Every older in the community is invited. The cores are now in fact ready for new covers but it will be a few days before we can get the job done, as the jobbers are very busy overhauling, and probably have to resort to the aid of professionals for the paper, until we find a new one as the heaviest fire we ever had on Campbell and we don't know how much it is injured. Let's put entirely out of our minds.

For Fire Insurance call on O. Palmer.

## ABOUT CONFECTIONERY!

Did you ever stop to think, when buying confectionery, whether you were getting the best candy or not? We sell the famous

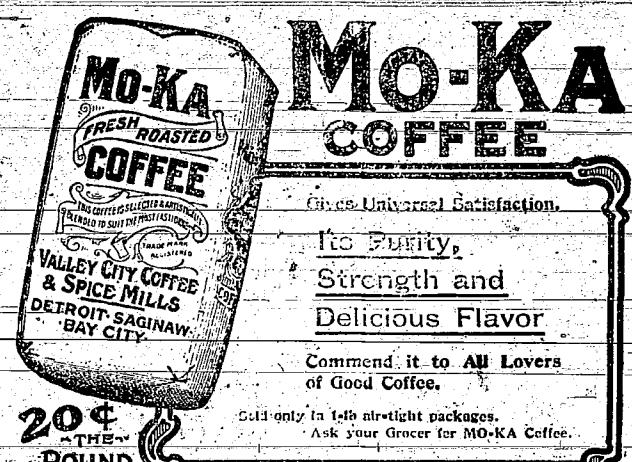
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STATE OF MICHIGAN—SS.—  
PUPILTY OF CRAWFORD.—  
Probate Court for said County.

Estate of George Hartman, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the Judge of Probate, of Saginaw County, Commissioner on Claims in the State of Michigan, for the period of six months from the 15th day of October, 1907, to the 15th day of April, 1908, and having been allowed by the Judge of Probate, to file personal claims against said estate, in which to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment.

Joe Simms had the misfortune of losing his camp and equipment Thursday evening.

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William Sharlow had his leg broken in Schriner's camp near this place, Aug. 10, 1907.

John Hartman, deceased.

## GRANDPA'S THANKSGIVING.

While the autumn days are calling,  
The falling leaves are falling,  
Falling, falling, brown and gray.  
Other days I can recall—  
Many a bright and happy Fall—  
But as a boy I have no more again with  
That old and hallowed charm.  
There's perhaps no thought so dear  
At this season of the year  
As the thoughts of the Thanksgiving days at  
Grandpa's on the farm.  
Even tho' it might be snowing,  
Showing, snowing, that and long,  
A Thanksgiving day—  
Biring, biring, welcome song—  
Safe at Grandpa's—from the storm.  
All was pleasant, bright and warm,  
Oh, how we were well off; more  
To eat what we were through,  
And so good—such chicken pie!  
Lips are moist, as well as eyes,  
I think of old Thanksgiving days with  
Grandpa's, and Aunt Lou.  
  
And the songs we then were singing,  
Singing, singing, long ago—  
Through, through, sweet and low,  
These, with legends that were told—  
On Thanksgiving days of old,  
As we were all together by love's  
Sweet and magic charm.  
These the heart shall hold dear,  
The loved ones not near,  
Who so much enjoyed Thanksgiving day at  
Grandpa's on the farm.  
Twentieth Century Farmer.

## Her Neighbors' Blessings

BY HOPE DARING.

"Why, Edith."

"What is it?" Mrs. Matthews asked as she resugared the oatmeal of Maude, the larger one of the twins.

"The day after to-morrow is Thanksgiving. Had you forgotten it?"

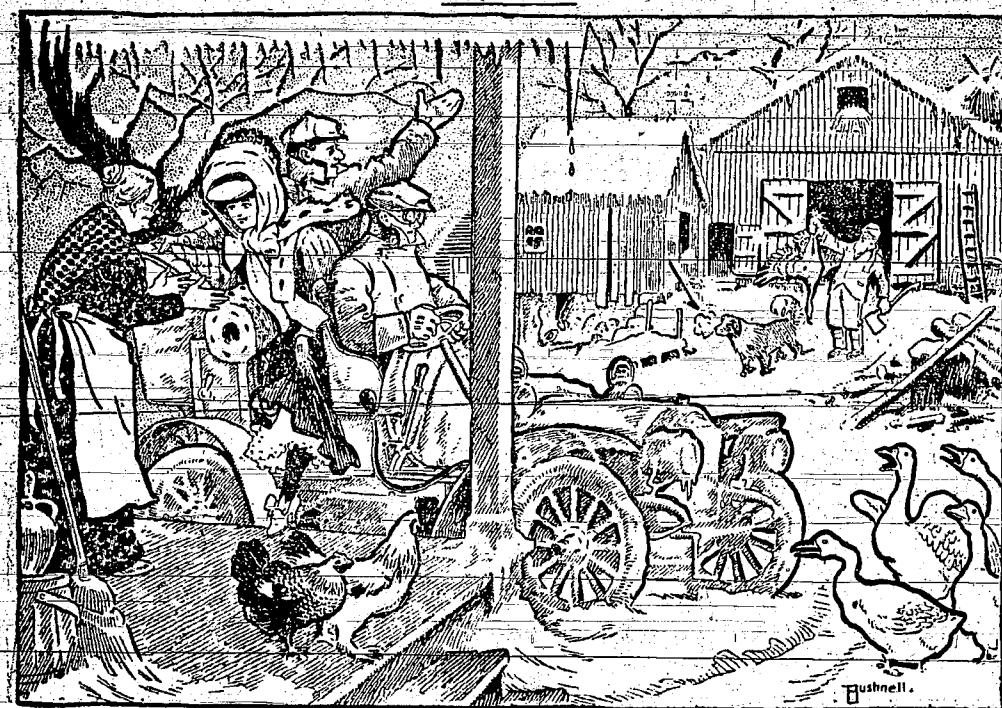
Edith Matthews paused before replying to her husband's question. The pause might have been accounted for by the fact that Mabel, the other twin, insisted that her oatmeal should likewise be resugared.

After attending to this Mrs. Matthews said listlessly, "No, I had not forgotten it. But it doesn't make any difference anyway."

"What, Thanksgiving not make any difference? Why, Edith, what is the matter?" Hiram Matthews set down his coffee cup and stared at his wife.

She shrugged her shoulders. "Is it the dinner you mean? Well, send up whatever you like. As to the real spirit of

## THANKSGIVING MORNING AT THE OLD HOMESTEAD.



Cincinnati Post.

Thanksgiving, I've nothing to be especially thankful for. Oh, dear! The baby is crying" and leaving her breakfast, Mrs. Matthews hurried away.

"Poor little woman," thought her husband. "She has to work too hard. I wish I could afford to keep a girl for her. But nothing to be thankful for, that doesn't sound like Edith."

When Edith Faye had been lugged to sleep it was time for Hiram to start for the store. He had lifted the twins from their high chairs and untied their belts. He had two clamshells of hot coffee on the stove and the steaks in the oven that Edith might not find her breakfast cold when she had time to finish it.

"Good-by, little wife," he said, drawing her to him. "I'll send up something for Thanksgiving and see Mrs. Murphy about coming to help you to-morrow. Don't do much extra work, for there will be just ourselves. How I wish we could have gone to the old home. Still I feel like giving thanks, Edith, for my home, my babies and you."

Words like these are usually sweet to a wife. But Edith had been kept awake the greater part of the night by a teething baby, so she replied wearily, "Get whatever you like. Perhaps I should feel thankful if we were rich."

"I hope we may be some day," Hiram began, but she interrupted him impatiently.

"Some day. When I am old and gray. It is now I want the things money can buy, luxuries for my babies, leisure for you and me, time to develop my nature. Well, I'll postpone my Thanksgiving till I have something to give thanks for."

In spite of her flippant words, Edith clung for a moment to her husband. His face was grave, but he whispered tenderly, "My darling," and going out attempted to close the door softly behind him.

But the sharp November wind caught it from his hand and it slammed noisily but Faye started up with a fretful cry. At the same moment Maude managed to upset a glass of water for which she had been reaching and added her cries to Faye's.

"Thankful, indeed," Edith said, as after a few moments of alternate soothing and scolding she succeeded in quieting both children. She sat down at the sitting room window with Faye in her arms and looking out at the house across the way.

"The nurse is dressing little Bernice Ashby," she thought. "I can see her. And there is the cook at the door giving the poor boy his orders. Mrs. Ashby was at a ball last night. She is sleeping fitfully, too, but he mustn't catch her."

"Oh, how terrible," Edith cried. "He might have killed her."

"It came precious near it when this baby was three months old. He knocked her downstairs. There, there dear, for little Bernice was crying."

"Let me get her a glass of warm milk, and Edith hurried away.

When she returned she had regained

## THANKSGIVING DAY.

HANNSKING DAY is peculiarly American, peculiarly our own. No other nation on earth has a holiday like it, probably no other nation would have ever conceived such a holiday. It is American all the way through—in spirit, and in the chief item of the bill of fare, to wit: the noble American turkey.

Thanksgiving day was originally an agricultural festival and its celebration was confined to the particular locality in which it originated. But to-day it is national. Every true American man, woman or child, loves this glad day, in which a people pours out its thanks to the Almighty for the bounteous blessings vouchsafed during the preceding twelve months.

To-day our thanks are not merely for good crops, but for the peace of our country among the nations of the world, for the prosperity of every line of business and industry, for the freedom from pestilence, and the various and sundry other blessings which a generous Providence has poured upon us.

It is an inspiring thought, that of a great people, with common accord, offering prayers of thanks to the Giver of All Things. It is not a matter of creed, not a matter of faith, but a universal ground upon which all can meet and participate, no matter what the form of worship may be. Christian, Jew, Mohammedan, whatsoever creed a man holds to, he acknowledges the sovereignty of a Supreme Being, and on this, our Thanksgiving day, he offers his gratitude for all that the Omnipotent has done for him and his fellows in this great, glorious land of ours.

History records nothing so august among the institutions of men as this festival. It is as though the people, with one impulse, sought communion with the Divine at least once in each year, that the whole nation may "walk with God" and not forget that there is one mightier than President and political parties to whom thanks are due and from whom all things spring.

And surely, there have been few Thanksgiving days in our history when the universal heart had more to inspire it with gratitude than this one which is upon us. Let us, then, observe the day in its proper spirit and show our appreciation of the infinite good things that the Author of All has permitted us to enjoy. Let us make it, from one end of the country to the other, a real day of thanksgiving.—The Sunny South.

These are just common blessings, though, every one has them and some so many others.

The next day Edith was sitting by the window, waiting for her husband's coming. Mrs. Murphy had just gone home, and in the pantry was the turkey all ready for the oven, mince and pumpkin pies, cranberry tarts, and a dainty rose cake.

The table was laid for ten in the dining room. When Hiram came there would be only the oysters to cook. Little Faye was asleep, while Maude and Mabel were

her composure. She noticed Norah's tenderness with the child and also noticed that it was little face it was that turned away from the milk to watch Maude and Mabel.

The child was dressed in a pink cashmere trimmed with costly lace. There were a couple of rings on her tiny hand. But Edith turned from those details to study the peculiar look in the dull blue eyes.

"Is she ill?" she asked gently. "Her eyes are so heavy."

"They're always so," Nora answered.

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## Michigan

### State News

#### WOMAN LIFER SET FREE.

Mrs. Etta Brass Was Sent Up for Complicity in Murder of Husband.

The sentence of Mrs. Etta Brass, a life

in the house of correction, sent from up

the river of her husband twenty-one years

ago, has been commuted by Gov. Warner

to thirty-five years. This with good time

allowance will release her from prison

at once. Her paramour, who was im-

plicated in the murder, is serving a life term

in Jackson. Mrs. Brass was convicted

jointly with James Crafts of the murder

of her husband in a lonely farm-house in

Missaukee county. Both pleaded guilty.

Crafts is now serving a life sentence in

Jackson prison and all probability will

die in prison. The pardon board have

denied his application for pardon, and as

late as last April refused to reopen the

case. Investigation showed that Crafts

and Mrs. Brass had been too friendly for

some time, and that he seemed to exer-

cise unusual control over her. She is a

woman of weak mentality and was easily

persuaded. She claims—and the pardon

board credits her story—that Crafts did

the killing. She understood he was going

to chastise her husband and that she

expected there would be a fight. After

the killing the guilty pair buried the body

of their victim in outdoor root cellar.

Searchers had decided to abandon their

work when one discovered the hand of

the murdered man in the bottom of the

cellar where they had been digging. She

will go to California to live with an un-

cle who was instrumental in securing her

release from prison.

#### 445 KILLED IN MINES.

#### CLOSE OF FISCAL YEAR SHOWS MANY

#### MET DEATH IN UPRIGHT PENNANT.

One hundred and forty-five miners

were killed in the iron and copper mines of

Michigan during the fiscal year ending

Sept. 30. During the year the mines

employed 33,133 men, the largest num-

ber number in the history of the region.

Appropriated by counties, the fatalities oc-

curred in the various mining fields as

follows:

	Deaths	No. Men	Rate
Houghton	49	15,579	2.75
Marquette	37	6,744	5.51
Iron	23	2,776	8.37
Huron	22	4,468	4.96
Dickinson	7	3,932	1.80
Ontonagon	5	1,250	4.00
	145	30,143	4.12

In the great majority of cases the vic-

tims came to their deaths through their

own carelessness.

#### GRAND TRUNK GETS IN.

#### FOLSOM, G. R. & I., and Secures

#### Entrance Into Kalamazoo.

That the Grand Trunk railroad is making arrangements to build into Kalamazoo became known the other day, when

it was learned that the railroad had pur-

chased the City Inn property and has sec-

ured a right of way through the south

part of the city and leading up to the

City Inn. The property is located di-

rectly across the tracks from the Grand

Rapids and Indiana passenger station

and was bought for \$12,000. The Grand

Rapids and Indiana has opposed the en-

trance of the Grand Trunk. The latter

has started building switches at the rear

of its new property.

#### PREACHER FORGETS BIBLE.

#### PICKS OUT 6,000 BOOKS FOR ALLEGIAN LIBRARY, but Leaves Out Greatest.

While in the library building a resi-

dent of Allegian had occasion to refer

to the Bible, but was astonished to dis-

cover that among the 6,000 volumes on

the shelves no such book could be found.

His astonishment was even greater when

he learned that the books had been selec-

ted by a clergyman and a deacon, but a

thorough search only confirmed the truth

that the "book of all books" was not

there. This citizen, who modestly denied

being a member of any church, hastened

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IN THE SOUTH.

Wave of Reform Is Not Stayed  
as It Rushes Over Fair  
Dixie Land.

CHANGE BENEFITS NEGROES.

William E. Curtis Writes of the  
Remarkable Impetus of Cru-  
sade Against Drink.

Prohibition is the only political issue in the South, writes William E. Curtis in the Chicago Record-Herald. "The entire population is now lined up on one side or the other." There is no distinct prohibition party, but both of the old parties have put planks in their platforms advocating the abolition of the liquor traffic and at local elections the members of both are found voting for and against local option and prohibition.

The strongest argument in favor of prohibition is the imperative necessity of keeping whisky out of the reach of the reckless, lawless colored element. That argument carried Georgia and is proving equally strong in other States, because it is believed that nearly all the crimes, the assaults that lead to lynchings, are due to whisky.

Georgia has taken the lead in the movement. Great impetus was given to it by the race riots that occurred at Atlanta last spring and were provoked by drunken negroes.

Georgia has a general prohibition law, and the sale of liquor is absolutely prohibited throughout the State.

The same thing takes place on land, the vapor rising from the snow and even from the bodies of the explorers themselves. In this case, however, the ice particles fall on the ground and make a weird rustling, like the swish of a silk dress.

At 40 degrees below zero, the trunks of trees are turned to ice, and the trunks burst asunder with a sharp report. These mysterious sounds and sights are awe inspiring to all who do not know their cause, and they may account for some of the strange tales that are told of the frozen north.

Natural light in sea is a much more common phenomenon. As the screw of a steamer churns the water under certain conditions you may see the waves glowing angrily where they have been disturbed. This is called phosphorescence, and scientists are not agreed as to its cause.

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"When my daughter was a baby she had a breaking out behind the ears. The doctor said that she would outgrow it, and it did get somewhat better until she was about fifteen years old, and after that she could get nothing that would drive it away. She was always applying something in the way of salves. It troubled her behind the knees, opposite the elbows, back of the neck and ears, under the chin, and then it got on the face. That was about three years ago. She took treatment with a specialist and seemed to get worse all the time. We were then advised to try the Cuticura Remedies, and now I don't see any breaking out. M. Curley, 1610 Sixteenth St., Bay City, Mich., May 20, 1908."

**A Beaconsfield Story.**

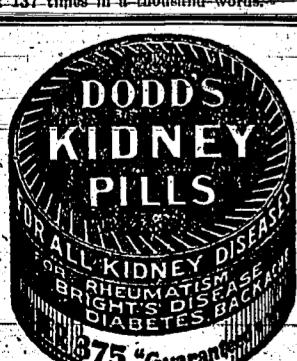
A lady who was his constant friend and benefactor begged Lord Beaconsfield to read Mallock's first book and say something civil about it. The prime minister replied, with a groan: "Ask me anything, dear lady, except this. I am an old man. Do not make me read your young friend's romances."

"Oh, but he would be a great accession to the Tory party, and a fervor from you would secure him forever."

"Oh, well, then, give me a pen and sheet of paper." And, sitting down in the lady's drawing room, he wrote: "Dear Mrs. —, I am sorry that I cannot dine with you, but I am going down to Huddenden for a week. Would that my solitude could be peopled by the bright creations of Mr. Mallock's fancy." Will that do for your young friend?"

As an appreciation of a book which one has not read this is perfect.

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